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Aging

NOLA: MLNH 009933
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/3/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:09:05

U.S. Faces 'Explosion of Senior Citizens': Will Baby Boomers Strain Economy?
In 2011 the first of 79 million Americans born between the end of World War II and the mid-1960s will turn 65, swelling the ranks of Medicare and Social Security recipients. Judy Woodruff looks at the implications with Nicholas Eberstadt of the American Enterprise Institute and Ted Fishman, author of "Shock of Gray."

NOLA: NOSN 000502
Series Title: NOVA scienceNOW
Episode Title: Can We Live Forever?
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/26/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

This provocative episode of NOVA scienceNOW examines whether we can slow down the aging process, looks at the latest on human hibernation, and checks in with bioengineers and a computer scientist inventing ways to keep us "going forever." Neil deGrasse Tyson also takes a lighthearted look at whether the tricks that have kept a 1966 Volvo running for 2.7 million miles can also help the human body go the extra mile.

Alcohol, Drug Abuse/Addiction

NOLA: INLE 001214
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: William S. Burroughs: A Man Within
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/23/2011 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

An iconoclast who himself became an icon, William Burroughs explored the outer boundaries of culture and identity in the 1950s. His work was vilified by conservatives and banned by the U.S. government, but emerged to influence artists for generations to come. Burroughs' friends and colleagues remember the public persona and the private man. By Yony Leyser.

NOLA: MLNH 009970
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/23/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:03:31

Once Safe, Mexico's Monterrey Becoming 'City of Massacres': Bill Neely of Independent Television News continues his series of reports on Mexico's battle against drug cartels with a look at how Monterrey, the nation's richest city, is falling victim to widespread violence.

American History/Biography

NOLA: AMEX 002301
Series Title: Robert E. Lee: American Experience
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 1/3/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:26:46

He is celebrated by handsome equestrian statues in countless cities and towns across the American South, and by no less than five postage stamps issued by the government he fought against during the four bloodiest years in American history. Nearly a century and a half after his death, Robert E. Lee, the leading Confederate general of the American Civil War, remains a source of fascination and, for some, veneration. AMERICAN EXPERIENCE Robert E. Lee examines the life and reputation of the general whose military successes made him the scourge of the Union and the hero of the Confederacy, and who was elevated to almost god-like status by admirers after his death.

NOLA: PITV 000201
Series Title: Pioneers of Television
Episode Title: Science Fiction
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/18/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Storytellers Gene Roddenberry, Irwin Allen and Rod Serling created the storylines and characters behind the best-loved futuristic television of their time. But as Roddenberry's Star Trek competed for ratings with Allen's Lost in Space, each show's creator aimed for a very different direction. This episode explores how Roddenberry and Serling (of The Twilight Zone) used the future as a stage for modern morality plays, and William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy, Nichelle Nichols and other science-fiction stars describe how they prepared to interact on-camera with a malevolent alien force...or, perhaps, a giant radish.

NOLA: MLNH 009957
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/4/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:04:25

On Centennial Celebration, Reflecting on Ronald Reagan's Legacy: With Sunday marking the 100th anniversary of Ronald Reagan's birth, watch an excerpt of a 1989 interview where Jim Lehrer spoke with the former president about debating then-President Jimmy Carter.

NOLA: ALKS 000000
Series Title: Alan K. Simpson: Nothing Else Matters
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/28/2011 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Wyoming's former Senator Al Simpson relates the history of his famous family, from the Civil War to his father Milward, who served Wyoming as both a governor and a senator. Al Simpson was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1979, and served for two decades. In this documentary, he describes his career in Washington DC and afterward, with the help of friends and colleagues including former Vice President Dick Cheney, former President George H. W. Bush, NPR's Nina Totenberg, the late Senator Ted Kennedy, Alistair Cooke, former Senator Trent Lott, and many others. Based on many days of conversations, the Senator offers up the human side of events that we have only known as headlines, including clips from the Fiscal Responsibility Committee, which he and Erskine Bowles co-chaired at the request of President Obama.

NOLA: AMEX 002307
Series Title: Triangle Fire: American Experience
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/28/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

On March 25, 1911, a fire broke out in the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in New York's Greenwich Village. The blaze ripped through the congested loft; huge piles of trimmings fed the flames. Petrified workers desperately tried to make their way downstairs, but the factory owners kept the doors on the ninth floor locked and the woefully inadequate fire escape soon crumpled. Hundreds of horrified on-lookers arrived just in time to see young men and women jumping from the windows. By the time the fire had burned itself out, 146 people were dead. Less than two years earlier, the workers of the factory had been leaders in an industry-wide strike to protest dismal wages and dangerous working conditions. Despite unlikely support from some of the wealthiest women in the city, including Anne Morgan, most of the workers returned to their shops without having their demands met. It took the tragedy of the fire and the ensuing public outrage to force government action. The landmark legislation that followed gave New Yorkers the most comprehensive workplace safety laws in the country.

Arts

NOLA: AMMS 002308
Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: Jeff Bridges: The Dude Abides
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 1/12/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Called "the most natural and least self-conscious screen actor that has ever lived" by the über-critic Pauline Kael, this 2010 Oscar winning best actor embodies traits far beyond brilliance as an actor. He is an exceptional musician, a photographer, an occasional vintner and a story teller. He hails from an illustrious Hollywood family, working as a child with his father Lloyd and brother Beau on television's Sea Hunt. Bridges endures with vigor and grace. His own decades-long marriage and daughters remain the center of his world. His casual, easy going air have endeared him to audiences for almost 40-years, starting with The Last Picture Show in 1971, reinforced in Starman in 1984 and the cult classic The Big Lebowski in 1998. After the life-changing role of Bad Blake in Crazy Heart last year, he will return to the screen in January 2011 with Tron Legacy and as Rooster Cogburn in the remake of True Grit, directed by the Coen Brothers.

NOLA: RPDW 000000
Series Title: Rock, Pop and Doo Wop (My Music)
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 3/5/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-SIP
Format: Performance
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Rock and Pop legends Jon (Sha Na Na) "Bowzer" Bauman and Ronnie Spector (of the Ronettes) bring back the best songs from the late 1950s and early 1960's rock, pop and doo wop era in an all new My Music concert event. This all new special recorded in May 2010 includes new live performances and rare, never before available archival classics from the Dick Clark vaults.

NOLA: BHBC 000000
Series Title: Behind the Britcom: From Script to Screen
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 3/12/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-SIP
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Moira Brooker and Philip Bretherton host this special feature on the creative minds behind many of British television's most vital comedies. Notable guests include writers and actors from programs such as 'The Vicar of Dibley,' 'Are You Being Served' and 'As Time Goes By.'

NOLA: INLE 001212
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: For Once in My Life
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 2/1/2011 11:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Made up of 28 musicians and singers who all have severe mental and physical disabilities, the Spirit of Goodwill Band is a raucous home away from home where members are free to display their talent, humor, and tenacity. "For Once In My Life" challenges preconceived notions of what it means to be disabled.

NOLA: BBAN 000000
Series Title: Lawrence Welk's Big Band Splash
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 3/5/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-SIP
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Lawrence Welk and his great orchestra play the music of the Big Band Era and salute legendary friends, including Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, Woody Herman, Duke Ellington, Count Basie and others. The program includes performances of 20 full songs from many programs rarely, if ever, seen on the weekly series during the 70s and 80s. The Welk Musical Family sings classic Big Band songs and dances to the infectious rhythms of the 20s, 30s, 40s and 50s.

NOLA: WVRS 000000
Series Title: Weavers: Wasn't That A Time; The
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 3/13/2011 4:00:00 AM
Service: PBS-SIP
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Pete Seeger, Ronnie Gilbert, Fred Hellerman, and Lee Hays are The Weavers, whose foot-tapping, hand-clapping music made them the most popular group of their time. The simple power and beauty of their songs - about love and work, hope and freedom - inspired artists such as Arlo Guthrie, Don McLean, Holly Near, and Peter, Paul & Mary, all of whom appear to help The Weavers tell their story. The rare footage of the early days, before the blacklisting, and of their triumphant return to Carnegie Hall comes together in what is considered a classic documentary film.

NOLA: TSIB 000000
Series Title: Trans-Siberian Orchestra: The Birth of Rock Theater
Episode Title: Trans-Siberian Orchestra: The Birth of Rock Theater
Length: 40 minutes
Airdate: 3/15/2011 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-FRP
Format: Performance
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Paul O'Neill shows the past, present and future of the Trans-Siberian Orchestra (TSO) through live video and interview segments taken over the last couple of years during their annual Winter Tour and from their debut rock theater tour "Beethoven's Last Night" which was filmed in Dallas, Texas, on May 2, 2010. Get a sneak peek at their plans for the future and a look at how TSO developed into one of the top 10 live shows in the country.

NOLA: AMMS 002401
Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: Troubadours: Carole King / James Taylor & The Rise of the Singer-Songwriter
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 3/2/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

In the wake of the turbulent 1960s, a new style of song and songwriter came to the fore - a style marked by vulnerable introspection and raw, naked emotion. Backed by little more than a lone acoustic guitar or simple piano, these exciting voices descended upon Los Angeles, the emerging epicenter of the American music scene, and the Troubadour, the famed West Hollywood club that nurtured this community of gifted young artists - and blossoming critical, commercial sensations. Interweaving the intriguing story of the club that cemented their musical legacy, this is a first-hand account of the genesis of the singer-songwriter movement, centering on the historic collaboration between Carole King and James Taylor, as well as on Jackson Browne, David Crosby, Joni Mitchell, Kris Kristofferson, Bonnie Raitt, the Eagles, Elton John, and many others.

NOLA: LAFN 000000
Series Title: Best of Laugh-In; The
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 3/14/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-SIP
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Before SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE, or THE DAILY SHOW, or THE COLBERT REPORT, there was ROWAN AND MARTIN'S LAUGH-IN, one of the most revolutionary television shows of all time. From 1968 until 1973, LAUGH-IN frequently was seen by 50 million viewers, capturing the zeitgeist of the era with its anarchic energy and pop aesthetic. Combining the black-out comedy of the vaudeville tradition with a 1960s-style "happening," psychedelic costumes, graphics, graffiti,

outrageous popular shows of all time; THE BEST OF LAUGH-IN is a delightful tribute to the comedy-variety program, which not only transformed television but became an important training ground for an entire generation of young writers and comic talent.

Business/Industry

NOLA: MLNH 009939
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/11/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:09:00

Oil Spill Probe Reveals Need to Balance Precautions, Profits: Ray Suarez talks to the chairmen of the president's oil spill commission about how companies can adopt practices to lower the risk of another massive oil spill like the one that devastated the Gulf of Mexico.

NOLA: NOVA 003803
Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Making Stuff Smaller
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/26/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

From carbon nanotubes to artificial skin, our world is poised at the frontier of a revolution in materials science as far-reaching as the biotech breakthroughs of the last two decades. This four-part series explores how materials changed history and are shaping the future, ranging from cost-effective fuel cells and solar panels to quantum computers and ultra-light automobiles. The New York Times' technology correspondent and best-selling author David Pogue brings his trademark goofball humor and techie zeal to this fast-paced exploration of the future of "stuff." In each one-hour program-Stronger, Smaller, Smarter, and Cleaner-we explore the talent, luck, and determination that can turn a wild idea into a cutting-edge material or high-tech breakthrough.

NOLA: MLNH 009977
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/4/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:09:18

Good News on Many Economic Fronts; Oil, Housing Still Threaten Recovery: A new report shows U.S. employers added 192,000 jobs in February and the jobless rate fell to 8.9 percent. Jeffrey Brown discusses the numbers and recovery prospects with former Labor Department Chief Economist Lisa Lynch and Nariman Behravesh, chief economist at IHS Global Insight, an economic and financial forecasting company.

Community Politics, Government

NOLA: NETK 000136
Series Title: Need to Know
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/14/2011 7:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

In the wake of the shooting in Arizona this week, we revisit our story about gun rights activists and examine the current state of gun laws in the U.S. In an essay, co-host Jon Meacham, a gun owner, takes legislators of both parties to task for their reluctance to ban assault weapons. To mark the first anniversary of Haiti's devastating earthquake, we present a report from The New York Times about two badly injured children who were brought to the U.S. for treatment and recovery. We also present a Blueprint America report that examines the prospects for high-speed rail in the Midwest in light of starkly opposing political views. And CNN political analyst Peter Bergen talks about the war on terror and the continued viability of al Qaeda.

NOLA: MLNH 009959
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/8/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:08:22

Cities, States Face Tough Choices on Debt Amid Cash-Flow Concerns: Wall Street investors and some in Congress recently have raised concerns about the risk of cash-strapped municipalities defaulting on bonds they issued. Judy Woodruff talks to the National League of Cities' Chris Hoene and Richard Larkin of Herbert J. Sims and Company, an investment banking firm, about the risks of default.

NOLA: NETK 000144
Series Title: Need to Know
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/11/2011 7:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

The ongoing conflict between public unions and state governments in Wisconsin, New Jersey and Ohio revolves around a central question: Are public unions in part responsible for states' budget problems? This week, Need to Know explores the facts to provide an answer.

Also: A growing number of people in the medical community are questioning how blood transfusions are used in the United States. They are concluding that,

for many patients, the risks can outweigh the benefits. We take a look at the practice of blood transfusions and some alternatives that have been developed to avoid the potential risks that transfusions may pose.

And: Editorial illustrator Steve Brodner conducts an "illustrated interview" with author Eduardo Porter about income inequality in America.

Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement

NOLA: FRON 002907
Series Title: Frontline
Episode Title: Post Mortem
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/1/2011 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Every day, nearly 7,000 people die in America. And when these deaths happen suddenly, or under suspicious circumstances, we assume there will be a thorough investigation, just like we see on CSI. But the reality is very different. In over 2,000 counties across America, elected coroners, many with no medical or scientific background, are in charge of death investigations. Nationwide there is a severe shortage of competent forensic pathologists to do autopsies. The rate of autopsies—the gold standard of death investigation—has plummeted over the decades from fifty percent of those who die to less than six percent. As a result, not only do murderers go free and innocent people go to jail, but the crisis in death investigation in America is also a threat to public health. FRONTLINE correspondent Lowell Bergman reports the results of a joint investigation with ProPublica, NPR, and the Investigative Reporting Program at UC Berkeley.

NOLA: FRON 002906
Series Title: Frontline
Episode Title: Are We Safer?
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/18/2011 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

FRONTLINE launches its new monthly magazine program with three reports, led by "Are We Safer?" In this first story, Pulitzer Prize-winning Washington Post reporter Dana Priest investigates the terrorism-industrial complex that grew up in the wake of 9/11. Against a backdrop of recent mail bomb threats from Al Qaeda in Yemen and growing concerns about homegrown terrorists, Priest explores the growing reach of homeland security, fusion centers, battlefield technologies, and data-collecting into the lives of ordinary Americans.

Economy

NOLA: MLNH 009957
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/4/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:05:37

What Clues Does 'Strange' Unemployment Report Hold? January unemployment numbers sent mixed signals for economic recovery. The jobless rate dipped to 9 percent, but a survey of businesses found only a net gain of 36,000 jobs last month. Jeffrey Brown assesses those numbers with New York Times economic reporter David Leonhardt.

NOLA: SORM 000000
Series Title: Suze Orman's Money Class
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 3/8/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-SIP
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Based on her upcoming new book, SUZE ORMAN'S MONEY CLASS will reveal Suze's expert take on what actions people need to take in light of the new economy. After the upheavals of the economic downturn, Suze believes it's critical to rethink many of the traditional strategies we've been using to achieve our financial goals.

NOLA: WWIR 005036
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 3/4/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

As Democrats and Republicans debate spending cuts for the 2011 and 2012 budgets, the Obama administration also focuses on the continuing unrest in Libya. Also, the Supreme Court makes a controversial first amendment ruling, siding with a provocative Kansas church. Joining Gwen Ifill: John Harwood, CNBC & The NY Times; James Kitfield, National Journal; and Joan Biskupic, USA Today.

Education

NOLA: MLNH 009933
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/3/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:05:31

So You Have a Liberal Arts Degree and Expect a Job? In a follow-up to his report last month on the unforgiving job market for recent college grads, Paul Solman looks at graduates who've already been out of school for several years and are still struggling to find employment in their areas of interest. It's part of his ongoing series of reports on Making Sense of financial news.

NOLA: NETK 000140
Series Title: Need to Know
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/11/2011 7:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

As the nation debates how to get the best performance out of students and teachers, Need to Know presents an hour devoted to success stories in teaching. The program highlights three dramatic stories of academic transformation--focusing on literacy, physical education and science education.

NOLA: NETK 000143
Series Title: Need to Know
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/4/2011 7:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

This week on Need to Know: Are college sports programs enabling universities to stay afloat during tough economic times or are they hampering the classroom? While many state budgets have forced administrators to make painful cuts to academic programs, intercollegiate sports seem to remain unscathed, even in bleak economic times. We travel to Ohio University to see how athletic success has been affecting their academic mission.

Also: Princeton University professor Bernard Haykel speaks to us about what the international community's responsibilities are with regards to the uprisings in the Middle East. And in light of the protests in Wisconsin, Jon Meacham sits down with Columbia University professor Gregory Wawro to discuss controversial political tactics being used by Wisconsin and Indiana legislators to avoid being forced to vote on cutting benefits and collective bargaining rights for unions.

Energy

NOLA: MLNH 009956
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/3/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:04:26

News Wrap: Egypt Unrest Rattles Energy Market, Prompts Senate Hearing: In other news Thursday, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee heard testimony that unrest in Egypt has rattled energy markets but is only one factor in rising oil prices. The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization reported that a 3.5 percent rise in its December food-price index marked the seventh month of

NOLA: NOVA 003804
Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Making Stuff Cleaner
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/2/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Host David Pogue is on a quest to clean up, using new green materials to build and power the devices of the future. Batteries grown from viruses, plastics made of sugar and solar cells that cook up hydrogen are just the beginning of a new generation of clean materials

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

NOLA: MLNH 009940
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/12/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:03:12

Australia's Flooding Disaster Forces Many to Flee: John Irvine of Independent Television News reports from Brisbane, Australia, where a major evacuation has taken place as massive floods approach.

NOLA: NAAT 002806
Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Elsa's Legacy: The Born Free Story
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/9/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary

Segment Length: 00:00:00

2010 marked the 50th anniversary of the publication of Born Free--a book and then a film that changed forever the way we think about wildlife. What has happened to lions since this story? And what has happened to the people featured in the film? What has Born Free taught us?

NOLA: MLNH 009954
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/1/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:06:31

From N.M. to Maine, Storms Threaten Much of U.S. With Snow, Ice, Wind: Snow and ice permeated the central U.S. from the top of Texas to the tip of Maine, leading to weather warnings and emergency mobilization of crews to deal with slick roads. Ray Suarez gets an update on how residents, municipalities and transportation hubs are coping with the onslaught of precipitation and subzero temperatures.

NOLA: NAAT 002808
Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: The Himalayas
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/13/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

The Himalayan mountain system is the planet's highest and home to the world's tallest peaks. NATURE explores the diversity of wildlife and habitats of this mountain chain starring the mysterious snow leopard.

NOLA: NOSN 000504
Series Title: NOVA scienceNOW
Episode Title: How Smart Are Animals?
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/9/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:56:46

How well can we understand what's going on in the brains of non-human animals? Do our pets--like dogs--have the same feelings we do? How smart are animals really?

NOLA: NOVA 003808
Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Venom: Nature's Killer
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/23/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

Venom follows scientists on their expeditions to track down and capture the planet's most deadly creatures, risking life and limb just to tease out milligrams of venom and get it back to the lab. Find out how nature's deadliest cocktails could be medicine's brightest new hope.

NOLA: MLNH 009982
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/11/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:10:52

Despite Colossal Quake and Tsunami, Life in Japan 'Particularly Orderly': An 8.9-magnitude earthquake struck Japan Friday, triggering a 23-foot tsunami that charged inland. The deadly combination devastated cities along the northeast coast and sparked evacuations near nuclear power plants. Judy Woodruff gets three perspectives on the disasters and how people are coping in the aftermath.

Health/Health Care

NOLA: WWIR 005028
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/7/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

2011 starts with a bang (of the gavel)! John Boehner and the GOP take control of the House but are already arguing with Democrats over the deficit & health care. There's a reorganization at the White House too, with new players coming & going this week. Joining Gwen this week: John Dickerson (Slate/CBS), Major Garrett (National Journal), Julianna Goldman (Bloomberg) and Jeff Zeleny (NY Times).

NOLA: COOH 000000
Series Title: Eat & Cook Healthy! with Dr. John La Puma
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 3/5/2011 2:30:00 AM
Service: PBS-SIP
Format: Other
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Cooking Healthy! with Dr. John La Puma is a program that teaches viewers to experience food they can't wait to make, and grab the energy and good health to reclaim their lives. Anyone who loves food, wants to have more energy, wants to reverse his or her family health history, or wants to know what to eat to get and stay healthy should watch Cooking Healthy! with Dr. John La Puma. Its recipes, meals, and menus can work within minutes of eating them.

Media

NOLA: MLNH 009935
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/5/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:06:13

Photographer Alec Soth on a Life of Approaching Strangers: Photographer Alec Soth showcased his work in Minneapolis' Walker Art Center, including exhibits entitled "33 Movie Theaters and a Funeral Home" and "Broken Manual." Twin Cities Public Television profiled him, and it's part of our NewsHour Connect series highlighting public media reporting from around the nation.

NOLA: MLNH 009952
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/28/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:11:21

For New York Times, a Complex Relationship With WikiLeaks, Government: Jeffrey Brown talks to Bill Keller, executive editor of The New York Times, about the decisions the newspaper faced in negotiating with WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange and the U.S. government over publishing classified government information.

NOLA: DIME 000000
Series Title: Digital Media: New Learners of the 21st Century
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/21/2011 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Targeted at parents, teachers and anyone concerned with education in America, this documentary takes viewers to the front lines of an education revolution. "Digital Media: New Learners of the 21st Century" examines how mobile devices and digital media practices can empower young people to direct their own learning. Documenting five success stories both inside and out of the classroom, the program demonstrates how digital media, games, smartphones and the Internet are fundamentally transforming the way young people communicate, collaborate, participate and learn in the 21st Century.

NOLA: FRON 002909
Series Title: Frontline
Episode Title: Revolution in Cairo
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/22/2011 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

FRONTLINE dispatches teams to Cairo, going inside the youth movement that helped light the fire on the streets. The program follows the "April 6th" group, which two years ago began making a bold use of the Internet for their underground resistance -- tactics that led to jail and torture for many of their leaders. Now, starting with the "Day of Rage," we witness those same leaders plot strategy and head into "Liberation Square" to try to bring down President Hosni Mubarak. Also in this hour, veteran Middle East correspondent Charles Sennott of GlobalPost is in Cairo to take a hard look at Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood -- the most well-organized and powerful of the country's opposition groups -- as a new fight for power in Egypt begins to take shape.

Minorities/Civil Rights

NOLA: MLNH 009943
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/17/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:05:35

Students Remember King's 'I Have a Dream' Speech: In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr., fourth graders gathered on the Lincoln Memorial's steps to commemorate his famous speech in 1963 and the nation's civil rights movement.

National Politics/Government

NOLA: MLNH 009935
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/5/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:04:15

Gibbs Exiting White House as More Staff Changes Expected for Obama: Calling his years working with President Obama an "honor and a privilege," Robert Gibbs announced Wednesday that he will step down to become an outside adviser to the president. Judy Woodruff talks to Political Editor David Chalian about the latest departure from the administration and the anticipation of more personnel changes.

NOLA: WWIR 005028
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/7/2011 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

2011 starts with a bang (of the gavel)! John Boehner and the GOP take control of the House but are already arguing with Democrats over the deficit & health care. There's a reorganization at the White House too, with new players coming & going this week. Joining Gwen this week: John Dickerson (Slate/CBS), Major Garrett (National Journal), Julianna Goldman (Bloomberg) and Jeff Zeleny (NY Times).

NOLA: MLNH 009946
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/20/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:05:28

50 Years Later, JFK's Inaugural Address Continues to Resonate: On the 50th anniversary of his inauguration, watch an excerpt of John F. Kennedy's famous speech on the steps of the Capitol that began his presidency on Jan. 20, 1961.

NOLA: MLNH 009964
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/15/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:10:12

Obama Touts Budget Plan as Republicans Seek Deeper Spending Cuts: President Obama continued promoting his budget blueprint for 2012 on Tuesday and called on both parties to prepare for tough decisions about Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. Judy Woodruff talks with Political Editor David Chalian about the budget battles between Democrats and Republicans, and Congress and the White House.

Recreation/Leisure/Sports

NOLA: INLE 001210
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Men Who Swim
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/5/2011 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

"Men Who Swim" is a humorous and poignant look at a group of middle-aged men who have found unlikely success as members of Sweden's all-male synchronized swimming team. What begins as a weekly escape from the daily grind of work and family responsibilities gradually evolves into a more serious commitment. Inspired by Esther Williams's techniques from the 1950s, these train engineers and meat buyers, archivists and teachers soon become passionate exponents of a sport generally associated with women.

NOLA: MLNH 009962
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/11/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:02:57

Chicagoland Students See Success Hitting the Gym, Then Hitting the Books: PBS's Need to Know examines a school in a Chicago suburb transforming academics by emphasizing physical education immediately before some of students' toughest classes.

Religion/Ethics

NOLA: PNRE 001419
Series Title: Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/1/2011 12:30:00 AM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Haiti After the Earthquake: A year after Haiti's devastating earthquake, rebuilding has been slow, almost nonexistent in some places. Nearly two million people are still homeless. Civil unrest and rampant cholera are complicating relief efforts. Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly managing editor Kim Lawton returns to Haiti to look at how the reconstruction is going and what faith-based agencies are doing to help the survivors. She also talks to series' host Bob Abernethy about her visit there. Seaman's Church Institute: The life of a seafarer is often lonely and dangerous, and the men have little opportunity for contact with their families. Saul Gonzalez reports on the Seamen's Church Institute, the U.S.'s largest service agency for mariners. Its chaplains offer religious services and moral support, without proselytizing, while the seafarers are in port.

NOLA: PNRE 001423
Series Title: Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/29/2011 12:30:00 AM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Protests in Egypt: "Many people are hoping there will be a more pluralistic government that will embrace the Christian Copts," says Qamar-ul Huda, a senior program officer at the US Institute of Peace. Pakistan Microfinance: "There's a lot of compatibility between the notion of Islamic finance and

microfinance," says Roshaneh Zafar, who established a nonprofit organization that has made small business loans to hundreds of thousands of women. Medical Cost-Benefit Ethics: Expensive cancer-fighting drugs are sparking ethical debate about the tremendous costs and limited benefits of some new treatments.

NOLA: MLNH 009959
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/8/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:01:55

News Wrap: Muslim Mob Attacks Churches, Court in Indonesia: In other news Tuesday, hundreds of Muslim men demanding harsh punishment for a Christian on trial for blasphemy attacked churches and hurled rocks at a court building and riot police in Indonesia. Also, President Obama continued calls to build a high-speed rail system that can travel up to 250 mph.

NOLA: PNRE 001427
Series Title: Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/26/2011 12:30:00 AM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Muslims Combating Extremism: "We want to prove to America that we are not terrorist suspects," says Imam Mahdi Bray. US Islamic groups have launched several projects to fight extremism within their own communities, particularly among young people. Religious Reaction to Budget Cuts: As Congress debates the budget, religious conservatives say the debt is a moral issue, and an interfaith coalition has launched a campaign to reduce military spending and prevent cuts for the poor. Mary Karr: Writer Mary Karr says what struck her about Catholicism "wasn't the grandeur of the Mass, it was the simple faith of the people" and "the carnality of the church. There was a body on the cross."

Science/Technology

NOLA: MLNH 009933
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/3/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:06:58

Goldman Sachs, Digital Sky 'Friend' Facebook With Big Investment: According to The New York Times, a new investment deal makes Facebook more valuable than eBay or Starbucks -- a new landmark for a site now used by half a billion people globally. Ray Suarez talks to Andrew Ross Sorkin, who cowrote the Times story, about what this latest valuation means for the social networking giant.

NOLA: NOVA 003802
Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Making Stuff Stronger
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/19/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

From carbon nanotubes to artificial skin, our world is poised at the frontier of a revolution in materials science as far-reaching as the biotech breakthroughs of the last two decades. This four-part series explores how materials changed history and are shaping the future, ranging from cost-effective fuel cells and solar panels to quantum computers and ultra-light automobiles. The New York Times' technology correspondent and best-selling author David Pogue brings his trademark goofball humor and techie zeal to this fast-paced exploration of the future of "stuff." In each one-hour program-Stronger, Smaller, Smarter, and Cleaner-we explore the talent, luck, and determination that can turn a wild idea into a cutting-edge material or high-tech breakthrough.

NOLA: NOVA 003806
Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Smartest Machine on Earth
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/9/2011 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

NOVA investigates the world of artificial intelligence and profiles the computer that could be the "Smartest Machine on Earth." Known as "Watson," this IBM supercomputer is so advanced it's pursuing the first-of-its-kind challenge competing against "Jeopardy!" champions to prove its uncanny ability to mimic the human thought process.

NOLA: MLNH 009963
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/14/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:08:49

A: This Computer Could Defeat You at 'Jeopardy!' Q: What is Watson? Science correspondent Miles O'Brien goes head-to-circuit board with IBM's computer Watson on the game show "Jeopardy!" to explore the limits of language and artificial intelligence for machines.

Transportation

NOLA: MLNH 009953
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/31/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:09:37

For Automakers, Better Batteries Crucial to Success of New Electric Cars: In the second of two reports on the future of electric cars, Paul Solman looks at efforts to make the vehicles more viable -- and financially successful for automakers -- by building better batteries and making them more aerodynamic. It's all part of his ongoing reporting on Making Sense of financial news.

NOLA: MLNH 009971
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/24/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:02:44

Discovery's Launch Marks Beginning of End for NASA Shuttle Program: The final mission for Space Shuttle Discovery lifted off Thursday from Cape Canaveral, Fla., after several months of delays. Hari Sreenivasan talks with science correspondent Miles O'Brien about the legacy of Discovery and the space shuttle program.

NOLA: NOVA 003807
Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Crash of Flight 447
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/16/2011 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:56:46

On June 1, 2009, Flight AF447, an Air France Airbus A330 flying from Rio de Janeiro to Paris, disappeared over the Atlantic Ocean, taking with it all 228 lives on board. How could a state-of-the-art airliner with elaborate electronic safety and navigation features and a faultless safety record simply vanish without a trace?

War/Veterans/National Security

NOLA: MLNH 009936
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/6/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:15:05

Gates on Pentagon Cuts, Implementing DADT, China's Military Build-up: As federal deficits rise, Defense Secretary Robert Gates is looking to cut spending by close to \$100 billion in the next five years, a sign that even the Pentagon's massive budget is subject to government-wide belt tightening. He discusses the new budgetary measures, his China trip and "don't ask, don't tell" with Jim Lehrer.

NOLA: MLNH 009971
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/24/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:04:45

News Wrap: Saudi Arabian College Student Charged in Texas Bomb Plot: In other news Thursday, a Saudi Arabian college student was charged in connection with a bomb plot that allegedly included targets such as the Dallas home of former President George W. Bush. In Britain, a judge cleared the way for WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange to be extradited to Sweden, where he is charged with sex crimes.

Women

NOLA: NARE 000000
Series Title: Nancy Reagan: The Role of a Lifetime
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/6/2011 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

From their early days in Hollywood, to the California governor's mansion, to the White House, Nancy Reagan was always by Ronald Reagan's side, advising and protecting him...even during the long, lonely years when he battled and finally lost his fight with Alzheimer's disease.

His agenda was her agenda. Making sure that Reagan was healthy and successful was her number one concern. She balanced his optimism with reality and made sure that his aides translated his broad ideas into policy. While the public saw a traditional First Lady, dressed in designer clothes and redecorating the White House, behind the scenes she was much more involved with personnel and policy issues than the public realized.

This program takes an intimate look at this complicated First Lady. Historians, White House staffers and advisors, family and friends share their recollections of one of the most influential and controversial first ladies in American history.

NOLA: INLE 001213
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: When I Rise
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/9/2011 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

"When I Rise" is a documentary about Barbara Smith Conrad, a gifted University of Texas music student, who finds herself at the epicenter of racial controversy, struggling against the odds and ultimately ascending to the heights of international opera.

NOLA: MLNH 009958
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/7/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:09:21

One-Woman Show Explores Human Side of Health Care Debate: Judy Woodruff speaks with actress and playwright Anna Deavere Smith about her one-woman play, "Let Me Down Easy," which tackles contemporary health care issues through the eyes of more than a dozen different characters, based on hundreds of interviews she conducted.

NOLA: MLNH 009968
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/21/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:08:23

Frontline: Young Woman Becomes the Face of a Revolution: Frontline followed 24-year-old Gigi Ibrahim, one of the young Egyptians who led the protests that ousted longtime President Hosni Mubarak, as the movement accelerated and she struggled to explain her involvement in the protests to her family.

Youth

NOLA: INLE 001211
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Children of Haiti
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/12/2011 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

In the midst of Haiti's lush mountains and historical relics is an epidemic of over 500,000 orphan children who wander the streets day and night. Known as the "soulless" and forgotten by their own people, they do what they must to survive each day. This film follows three teenage boys -- Denick, a prolific and charming 14 year-old; Nickenson, a tough but sensitive 16 year-old; and Antoine, an energetic paint-thinner abuser -- who reflect on their country and their lives, while sharing a common dream of education, government assistance, and social acceptance.

NOLA: MLNH 009941
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/13/2011 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:04:10

Youngest Victim of Tucson Shooting Laid to Rest: Mourners remembered 9-year-old Christina Taylor Green Thursday in Tucson, the first of the funerals for the six victims killed on Saturday. Doctors treating Rep. Gabrielle Giffords said there were signs of progress in her recovery.

NOLA: NETK 000135
Series Title: Need to Know
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/7/2011 7:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

On this week's episode of Need to Know, we go inside the foster care system for an installment of The Watch List: We investigate the use and potential overuse of powerful antipsychotic medication on foster children, with a special look at Texas, which has worked to reform its practices. We also tell the story of Salva Dut, a Sudanese "lost boy" who returned to Sudan to help bring clean water to his hometown. And, because of overwhelming web response to our segment last month on "fixing" America, we have asked three more "big thinkers" to talk about innovative solutions to current national problems, including transportation, the economy and the war in Afghanistan. Plus: Author Barbara Strauch talks about the "grown-up" brain, and Peter Sagal is

back with his inimitable advice—this time for those who want to make it big in children's publishing.

First Quarter Programs
(January-March 2011)
Brief Descriptions

Alabama Stories: January 24: "Montgomery Ballet" looks at the work of the Montgomery Ballet. It is the only full-time ballet in the state. The program looks at the ballet as it prepares for performances.

Capitol Journal: January 7: Chris Rocquemoire with AIDT discusses efforts to bring the film industry to the state. Carolyn Lapsley from the Alabama Department of Human Resources talks about adoption in Alabama. Markeshia Ricks with the "Montgomery Advertiser" and Dave White with the "Birmingham News" review the events of the past week.

January 14: Miriam Gaines with the Alabama Department of Public Health talks about the state's obesity rate and healthy eating. Plus journalists Bill Perkins from the "Dothan Eagle" and Wanda Lloyd of the "Montgomery Advertiser" review the events of the past week.

January 17: "Capitol Journal" provides coverage of inaugural activities. Ed Bridges, Ph. D. From the Alabama Department of Archives and History and University of Alabama Communications Professor Larry Powell, Ph. D. provide commentary as new officers are installed.

January 21: "Capitol Journal" shows highlights from the activities of inauguration. It includes speeches from Constitutional Officers.

January 28: U.S. Representative Mo Brooks talks about the start of Congress. Ken Hare from the "Montgomery Advertiser" and Dana Beyerle from the "N.Y. Times Regional Newspapers" review the events of the past week.

SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATION

January 27: Linda Lucas, Dean of the UAB Engineering Department; Caroline Novak, president of A Plus Alabama; and Tammy Dunn of A Plus College Ready discuss whether Alabama students are ready to compete in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math.

ALABAMA STORIES

February 21: "Something Wicked in Russell County" explores the circumstances and incidents surrounding organized crime on Phenix City in the 1950s. Eventually aspiring Attorney General Albert Patterson was assassinated to

stop his efforts to fight crime.

CAPITOL JOURNAL

February 4: U.S. Representative Martha Roby discusses her first months in office. Kim Price from Price Publications and Jennifer Foster from the "Opelika-Auburn News" review the events of the past week.

February 11: U.S. Representative Mike Rogers discusses the latest actions and issues before Congress. Dave White of the "Birmingham News" and Sebastian Kitchen with the "Montgomery Advertiser" review the events of the past week.

February 18: Billy Powell, DVM from the Alabama Cattleman's Association discusses the current issues facing beef producers. He also talks about the upcoming statewide rodeo.

February 25: Political analysts Tim Howe and Zac McCrary discuss the issues lawmakers face in the upcoming Regular Session. Markeshia Ricks of the "Montgomery Advertiser" and Dana Beyerle from the "New York Times Regional Newspapers"

February 28: Auburn University Economist Keivan Deravi discusses the state of Alabama's economy. He explains how it will impact what lawmakers can do when it comes to crafting budgets on the eve of the start of the 2011 Regular Session.

FOR THE RECORD

February 20: "For The Record: Dealing With Dementia" focuses on the programs and treatments available for people suffering from dementia. Geriatric psychiatrist Dr. Richard Powers and Neurologist Dr. Daniel Potts take viewer call-in and email questions.

CAPITOL JOURNAL

March 1: Governor Robert Bentley delivers his first State of the State address. Democratic Representative Craig Ford gives the Democratic response. Former lawmakers Senator Steve French and Representative Jeff McLaughlin provide commentary before the address.

March 1: A special late night "Capitol Journal" features highlights of the Governor's State of the State address and Democratic Representative Craig Ford's Democratic response.

March 2: Republican Senator Cam Ward and Democratic Senator Marc Keahy are the guests.

March 3: Republican Senator Gerald Allen and Democratic Senator Billy Beasley are the guests.

March 4: Senators Del March and Roger Bedford discuss the first week of the session. Sebastian Kitchen of the "Montgomery Advertiser" and Bob Gambacurta with the "Montgomery Independent" review the events of the past week.

March 7: Public Service Commissioner Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh talks about the job of keeping utility rates down in the state. She says utility rates play an important role in economic development.

March 8: Representative John Merrill and Representative Johnny Mack Morrow are the guests.

March 9: Representative Merika Coleman and Representative Kurt Wallace discuss legislation before lawmakers.

March 10: Senator Walt Lucas and Representative Mary Moore are the guests.

March 11: Senator Linda Coleman and Representative Greg Canfield discuss the legislative action of the past week. Dave White of the "Birmingham News" and Ken Hare from the "Montgomery Advertiser" discuss the news events of the past week.

March 14: Attorney Jere Beasley talks about a class action lawsuit filed against BP because of the oil spill.

March 15: Republican Party Chair Bill Armistead talks about his plan to strengthen the party in Alabama and on the local level.

March 16: Democratic Party Chair Marc Kennedy discusses the goals of the party after the losses in the November General election.

March 17: The Director of the Alabama Department of Mental Health Eliza Baugh talks about the work of the agency.

March 18: Former Secretary of State and Alabama Development Office Director Billy Joe Camp discusses the impact of the earthquake in Japan. Camp was stationed in Japan while in the Army. He also worked with a number of Japanese companies with a presence in the state.

March 21: Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice Sue Bell Cobb talks about a number of bills aimed at reforming sentencing in the state. Alabama faces tough financial problems with the Department of Corrections and Cobb says reforms are needed to help the state financially and improve the way the criminal justice system works.

March 22: Representatives Randy Davis and Napoleon Bracy talk about issues facing lawmakers after a week off for spring break.

March 23: Senators Hank Sanders and Ben Brooks are guests.

March 24: Representatives Phil Williams and Oliver Robinson discuss the issues facing lawmakers.

March 25: U.S. Representative Martha Roby represents the state second Congressional District. She discusses budget issues and U.S. involvement in Libya. Shedd Johnson of WVAS-FM and Bob Martin from the "Montgomery Independent" review the events of the past week.

March 28: U.S. Representative Spencer Bachus and Alabama Securities Director Joe Borg discuss financial literacy. They also talk about financial regulatory reforms and the impact on consumers.

March 29: Senator Arthur Orr and Representative Barbara Boyd are the guests.

March 30: Senator Gerald Dial and Representative Joseph Mitchell are the guests.

March 31: Senator Tripp Pittman, Representative Chad Fincher, and Representative Marcel Black are the guests